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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**International application No.
PCT/GB2004/002666**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority:

1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application,

☒ claims Nos. 27

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 27 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos.

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See separate sheet for further details

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43b/s.1(a)(I) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-26
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-26
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-26
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

Claim 27 (erroneously numbered 26) lacks clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT due to the expression "substantially as hereinbefore described" and the reference to the description "with reference to reaction schedule 1" which contravenes rule 5.2(a) PCT.

The present opinion refers therefore only to the present claims 1-26.

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The following documents have been cited in the International Search Report:

- D1: MICHELLIZA ET AL: "Synthesis of the Cytotoxic Sponge Metabolite Haliclamine A" JOURNAL OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, vol. 67, 2002, pages 6474-6478, XP002300394
- D2: WANNER ET AL: "Synthesis of the Cyclostellatamines A-F and Related Bis(3-alkylpyridinium) Macrocycles" EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, 1998, pages 889-895, XP002300395
- D3: WO 03/040094 A (HARVARD COLLEGE (US)) 15 May 2003 (2003-05-15)
- D4: PETRICCI ET AL: "An improved Synthesis of Solid-Supported Reagents (SSRs) for selective Acylation of Amines by Microwave Irradiation" TETRAHEDRON LETTERS, vol. 43, 2002, pages 6507-6509, XP002300397

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Novelty (Article 33(2) PCT)

The present method differs from the methods in D1 and D2 in the use of a solid support and from the methods in D3 and D4 in the product.

The present method is therefore new.

Inventive Step (Article 33(3) PCT)

D1 and D2 disclose methods for the preparation of the present compounds of formula (5). D3 and D5 disclose methods for the preparation of different compounds wherein a solid support is used. D1 could be regarded as the closest prior art.

The problem of the invention was the provision of a new method for the preparation of compounds of formula (5).

D1 or D2 do not contain any indications which would have prompted a skilled person to use a solid support in the reaction described therein.

D3 and D4 disclose the use of a solid support in different reactions. D3 or D4 do not contain any indications which would have prompted a skilled person to use a solid support in the methods of D1 or D2.

Therefore the present invention is not obvious in view of D1-D4 and consequently based on an inventive step.

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